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In re application of: Mark Alexander Hill et al.

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(37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c))

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### PETITION

1. Applicant hereby petitions for the withdrawal of this application from issue.

### PATENT ISSUE FEE

2. The issue fee for this case has been paid on May 11, 2004  
(complete the following if known)

This application is scheduled to

- issue on June 29, 2004  
 as patent \_\_\_\_\_

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3. The reason for the request for withdrawal from issue is:

(check applicable item(s) below)

- one or more of the claims are unpatentable.
- consideration of a request for continued examination under § 1.114.
- for express abandonment to permit consideration of an information disclosure statement under § 1.97 in a continuing application.
- for express abandonment in favor of a continuing application.

Further details as to the reason(s) for this withdrawal request are set forth on the attached \_\_\_\_\_ sheet(s).

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**AMENDMENT**

NOTE: Any amendment accompanying a petition to withdraw an application from issue should comply with the requirements of § 312 (Amendment after allowance).

4.  Accompanying this petition is an amendment.

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